

Volunteer Opportunities



Holiday at the Rancho

Saturday, Dec. 3, 4-8:30 p.m.
Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park
6200 Flying LC Lane



Get yourself in the holiday spirit by giving. Volunteer to help out at Holiday at the Rancho with crafts, cookie decorating or train rides. Santa could use a little help, too. The twinkling lights turn this evening event into a winter wonderland. Contact the Carlsbad special events

staff at specialevents@carlsbadca.gov or 760-602-7511.

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Tell Your Story in Six Words

This is a contest. We want to hear your story – in just six words. This contest is inspired by a famous challenge to Ernest Hemingway in the 1920s. Hemingway's colleagues bet him that he couldn't write a complete story in just six words. He wrote:

For sale: baby shoes, never used.

Hemingway is said to have considered it his best work.

Now we'd like to read your best six words on the transitions you are going through right now. The theme is self-reinvention. Self-reinvention is about discovering and reclaiming something within yourself that yearns to be expressed.

We'll publish some of the best stories in the next issue – with your name or not – let us know which

you prefer. To help you get started, following are examples of six-word stories from a contest held by Civic Ventures, a nonprofit think tank on boomers, work and social purpose.

- AARP discount and two cribs, please!
- Lost my job. Found my purpose.
- Surprise! Tending the dying enriches life.
- From city planner to community builder.
- Miserable midlife divorce. Great encore boyfriend.
- Been there. Done that. Now what?

To submit your story, email it to sue.irey@carlsbadca.gov. We need to receive your entry by Dec. 1 for inclusion in the January, 2012 issue of this newsletter.

Your Six Words:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



Opera Previews

Saturday mornings: Jan. 28,
Feb. 18, March 10 and April 21
9-10:15 a.m.
Schulman Auditorium

If you love opera, this is the volunteer opportunity for you. Carlsbad offers an in-depth, multi-media presentation on the productions offered by the San Diego Opera. Dr. Ron Shaheen covers

- The composer
- The cultural background
- The music style
- The story
- The history of the opera's production

A volunteer is needed to help distribute tickets and get the audience seated. Then, that volunteer can leave at 10:15 a.m. or stay to hear the hour-long presentation. Contact Sue at sue.irey@carlsbadca.gov or 760-434-2929.

Around Carlsbad

Create and Teach Your Own Class

Do you have a passion you'd love to share? The City of Carlsbad's enrichment division accepts new class/camp proposals on an ongoing basis. To submit a proposal for consideration, you will be required to send in the following:

- Course Outline
- Sample proposal form (including fees, descriptions, age requirements)
- List of preferred days/times/locations
- Resume including at least three references

Proposal packets can be requested by contacting the Enrichment Division at 760-602-7523.

New App For Safer Driving

Parents have a new way to help keep their young drivers safe. Download from the Internet a free app that blocks users from texting, emailing and web browsing while driving. The technology uses the GPS in the phone and senses motion.

How it works is pretty simple. When your child's phone is in a car, and they are moving more than 10 miles per hour, text, Facebook and email are all disabled. Any text sent to them will go through, but they can't access it on their phone until they are stopped.

MEET PAM WHISNANT

Agent of Change

Within weeks of moving to Carlsbad from Northern California, Pam Whisnant took on the simple task of updating the neighborhood directory. Before long she became the go-to person for facilitating neighborhood communication on important issues. Pam

- started the neighborhood watch program
- plans and hosts events for the Aviara Women's Club – a social group that gives women an opportunity to make new friends
- volunteers on the neighborhood Architectural Review Committee

Pam has followed her passions to make changes that make her community a better place to live.

When Pam's not helping her neighbors, she's helping animals. After adopting a dog from Bichons FurKids Rescue, Pam was so impressed with the organization that she decided to do something she'd never done before – volunteer on behalf of animals. Then two things happened that changed her life profoundly.

"I read a book about puppy mills and the horrendous treatment of animals," recalls Pam. "I woke up to the reality of animal abuse and can't go back to not knowing."

Seeing a pit bull unattended in a hot car in a parking lot was the final straw that catapulted Pam into action. Instead of fuming about poor treatment of animals, Pam decided to channel her anger into doing something useful in her community.



She reinvented herself as an animal advocate and now educates people about humane treatment of animals. She also volunteers at Rancho Coastal Humane Society where she helps get dogs adopted by ensuring they are properly socialized.

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Volunteer Resources

www.VolunteerinCarlsbad.net

To expand your volunteer involvement citywide, contact Sue Irely, Volunteer Coordinator
Sue.Irely@Carlsbadca.gov or 760-434-2929